REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheet", Applicant has corrected the spelling of the term "mobile" and inserted reference number 10 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. In addition, Applicant has amended paragraph [0018] of the specification to address the remaining objection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended these claims according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,408,391 (Huff). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Huff is directed generally to an intrusion detection system. In the Huff system, nodes (i.e., user access points) are not dynamically assigned a network address. Therefore, as noted by the Examiner, Huff fails to disclose an address manager or a security response actuator as employed in Applicant's claimed invention. Moreover, Huff fails to teach or suggest a technique which ensures that security responses are directed to appropriate nodes within the network.

The Examiner then relies on the Security Assurance Company article to teach this aspect of Applicant's invention. On the contrary, this article recognizes the problem that Applicant's security architecture resolves. In particular, this article notes that retaliation against the putative source of an attack might damage an innocent party whose network address has been forged by an intruder (see pg. 29). To address this concern, Applicant's claimed invention employs security response actuators which enforce an association of a network address with an assigned user access point. Thus, the Security Assurance article fails to teach or suggest this aspect of the Applicant's invention.

Applicant's invention is similarly directed to a network security architecture. However, Applicant's invention is designed to work in a network environment where user access points are dynamically assigned a network address. To ensure a secure environment, Applicant's claimed invention employs a security response actuator associated with each of the user access points, such that "each security response actuator is operable to enforce an association of a network address with an assigned user access point". In this way, Applicant's security architecture is able to accurately direct security responses to a particular user access point, where the security response

actuator is able to effectuate the security response. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claimed invention defines patentable subject matter over the relied upon references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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